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In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2005, applicants submit this response traversing the rejection of applicants' claims 1-10 as discussed in the Remarks section following the Listing of Claims. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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Amendments to specification: None.

Amendment to claims: See page 3.

Amendments to the drawings: None.

Applicants' remarks are found on page 6 of the present submission providing specific reasons for the traversal of the rejections.